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MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

Monday	8:15 A.M. English		
Feb. 5	†Lourdes Ochoa - Mass of Thanksgiving		
Tuesday 8:15 A.M. English			
Feb. 6	†Rosalie Altomari		
Wednesday	8:15 A.M. English 7:00 P.M. Spanish		
Feb. 7	†Joe&Erick Arrizoll †Flora Rodriguez de Quintanilla		
Thursday	8:15 A.M. English		
Feb. 8	†Brice Laird		
Friday	8:15 A.M. English		
Feb. 9	†Cecil Burdik		
Saturday	5:00 P.M.		
Feb. 10	†Geraldine Larks Kennedy		
	8:00 A.M. English 10:00 A.M. English		
Sunday	John Solis-Health Rene G&Maria J. Lozano-5oth Wedding Anniversary		
Feb. 11	12:00 P.M. 5:00 P.M.		
	SRL COMMUNITY Milka Dostanisha		

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FINANCIALS

COLLECTIONS WEEK OF 1/21/2024

Masses	\$8,105.00
Drop Off & Mail In	\$1,552.70
Online	\$7,725.25
Weekly Total	\$17,382.95
Weekly Goal	\$24,185.58
Actual vs. Goal	-(\$6,802.63)
Year to Date Total	\$636,072.46
Year to Date Goal	\$703,678.37
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DSF PROGRESS TRACKER 2024: COMING SOON

Scan the QR code to set up online giving:

CalendarOnline:

https://www.stroselima.org/calendar-1

Ch=Church FC=Fellowship Center RA/RB/RC= Chpl=chapel PH=Parish Hall Admin bldg **WH**=West Hall **EH**=East Hall **Upstairs Rooms** ***VIEW THE CALENDAR ONLINE FOR

THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS / HORAS DE OFICINA

Monday-Friday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm Lunes-Viernes: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

CONFESSION

Wednesday/Miércoles: 6-6:45 pm Thursday/Jueves: 6-6:45 pm Saturday/Sábado: 4-4:45pm

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

If you have something that you would like to submit to the bulletin, please email it to:

Bulletin@stroselima.org

Deadline for bulletin submissions is Sunday evening for the following weekend.

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

If you have a calendar submission. please email it to:

dsaldana@stroselima.org. Please give advance notice and remember that it is your responsibility to inform the office of any changes or cancellations.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 4, 2024: DSF Sunday February 14, 2024: Archdiocesan Social Ministries Collection

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

WWW.STROSELIMA.ORG/CALENDAR-1

MONDAY FEB.5

6:30P.M. ALTAR GUILD, PH 6:30 P.M. CCE 2nd-5th GRADE BH, RM A,B&C 7:00 P.M. MARRIAGE PREP, FC 7:30P.M. PRAYER GROUP, CHPL

TUESDAY FEB.6

10:30 A.M. SCRIPTURE SHARING, RA 12:30 P.M. LEGION OF MARY (ENG), FC 7:00 P.M. TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, RC 7:30P.M. LEGION DE MARIA, RA

WEDNESDAY FEB.7

8:15A.M. & 7:00P.M. HEALING MASS, CH 9:00A.M. S.T.A.R., FC 10:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY MORNING **BIBLE STUDY, RC** 11:00A.M. SVP, RA 6:00P.M. BUILDING&MAINTENANCE., FC 6:00P.M. CONFESSION, CH

THURSDAY FEB. 8

9:00A.M. THE GATHERING, FC 6:00 P.M. CONFESSION, CH 6:30P.M. YOUTH MINISTRY, FC/BRIDE **ROOM**

7:00P.M. HOSPITALITY BOARD, RC 7:00 P.M. RCIA, RB

FRIDAY FEB. 9

7:00 P.M. GRUPO DE ORACION, RB

SATURDAY FEB. 10

4:00 P.M. CONFESSION, CH 4:30P.M. ACTS, PH

SUNDAY FEB. 11

8:00A.M. TACO SUNDAY.PH 9:45A.M. CCE PRE-K-1ST **GRADE, FC** 10:00A.M. SCOUT SUNDAY, CH 10:00A.M. CCE 2ND

GRADE(SPANISH) RC/RA 1:00P.M. GIRL SCOUT TROOP 122056, RB 1:00P.M. MINISTERIO DE

HOSPITALIDAD, RA

***View the rest of the calendar online

DSF 2024 - WE ARE THE LORD'S

WHAT IS THE DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND?



The Diocesan Services Fund is an annual effort of our local Church that provides essential support for 64 ministries that serve those in need. Through your generosity, you are:



Supporting the formation of our future priests



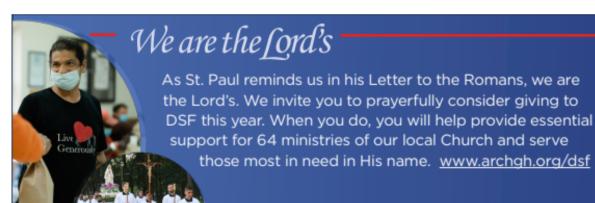
Serving the poor, feeding the hungry and supporting those in need



Providing a strong, Catholic education to more than 17,500 students



Forming the next generation of Catholics through youth and adult faith formation



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DSF UPDATE



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Cardinal

January 23, 2024

Reverend Linh N. Nguyen St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church 3600 Brinkman St

Dear Father Nguyen,

I wish to congratulate you and the community of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church on the occasion of a prayerful and successful Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) 2023. Through the dedication and generous commitment of your parishioners, the numerous ministries supported by DSF may continue to flourish and serve the growing population in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

Through the generosity of your parish community, we have been able to advance our Gospel mission. Your support as a pastor is crucial to the success of these ministries. The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston thrives when we work as one Archdiocesan family—keeping Christ in our communities through our work together.

Whether large or small, the generous gifts of you and the people of your parish are sustaining the mission entrusted to the Church. Therefore, again, I offer my sincere gratitude for every contribution that was made.

I congratulate you for your work on the DSF. With assurances of my prayers for you and the St. Rose of Lima community, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Daniel Cardinal Dihards

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

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MUSIC FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Dear Parishioners and Generous Donors.

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude on behalf of the entire St. Rose of Lima church community for your incredible support and generosity towards the Music Fund Project.

The recent endeavors, including the Thanksgiving Meal, Merry Markets Raffles, and the overwhelming contributions from our exceptionally generous donors, have brought us archiving our goal of upgrading our musical equipment and sound system. Your commitment to our sacred space and the worship experience is truly inspiring.

As of the latest update on the Music Fund Activities, the financial details are as follows:

2,140.06	THANKSGIVING MEAL
1,172.00	MERRY MARKET RAFFLE
42,740.00	MUSIC CAMPAIGN DONATIONS
46,052.06	INCOME IN G/L
582.31	EXPENSES MERRY MARKET
582.31	EXPENSES IN G/L
582.31	EXPENSES IN G/L
	PROFIT PER G/L

3.194.39	EXPENSES NOT RECORDED IN G/I
1,817.00	MEAL
	EXPENSES NOT RECORDED-THANKSGIVING
1,377.39	EXPENSES NOT RECORDED-RAFFLE

42,275.36 PROFIT

These figures represent the dedication and hard work of our community in achieving a positive outcome. Your support has not only contributed to the financial success of the project but has also fostered a sense of unity and collaboration within our parish.

Once again, thank you for being the heart and soul of our church. Your generosity has created a symphony of love and faith that will resonate in our sacred space for generations to come. We look forward to updating you on the progress of the Music Fund Project and sharing the joy of the enhanced worship experience it will bring.

May you continue to be blessed abundantly for your selfless contributions to our beloved church.

With gratitude and warm regards,

Pastor Linh Nguyen

EMBRACING A NEW JOURNEY: BUSINESS MANAGER FOR ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Parishioners.

I am thrilled to embark on a new chapter of my life as the Business Manager for St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. For the first time in my professional career, I can combine my "day job" with my faith journey. With a rich background in business development and sales leadership, having served as VP of Business Development and VP of Sales in the IT sector, I bring a wealth of experience to this role.

My journey takes a unique turn with a

commitment that extends beyond boardroom-I have been an ordained Deacon in the Catholic Church for nine years. This dual role allows me to fuse my professional expertise with a deep spiritual connection, ensuring a holistic approach to stewardship. As a 14 yr member of the Board for the Texas Center for the Missing (Amber alert for missing children and Silver alert for missing elderly) and a former House Chaplain and Board Member for Magnificat Houses, Inc. Catholic non-profit for the homeless) in Houston, I've witnessed the transformative power of community service. My early-incareer service as a former Commissioned Officer in the United States Marine Corps further instilled in me the values of discipline, dedication, and service to a greater cause.

Currently, I serve as a Deacon at both St. Helen Catholic Church in Pearland and St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Houston, maintaining a hands-on involvement in fostering spiritual growth within diverse congregations.

Additionally, my affiliation with the Knights of Columbus and Knights of Peter Claver reflects a dedication to fraternal values and community outreach.

Family is at the core of my life, and I blessed with a loving wife, Margaret, and six wonderful children-Brittany, Brandon, Bradley, Brent. Brycen, and Brionne. My daughter, Brionne, is in the 7th grade and currently attends St. Thomas More Catholic School. This foundation of loving support fuels my passion for creating a positive and collaborative environment within St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church.

My vision for this role centers on fostering a sense of unity and engagement among parishioners. am genuinely eager to connect with each of this member vibrant community, leveraging my skills to enhance the church's organizational efficiency and support its mission and our Pastor, Fr. Linh's vision. Together, let us embark on a journey of growth, faith, and service, ensuring that St. Rose of Lima continues to flourish as a beacon of love and compassion in the Heights and the Greater Houston Area.

Sincerely,

Deacon Darryl Drenon

PASTORAL LETTER FOR FEBRUARY

Dear Friends in Christ.

exciting adventure, like a thrilling roller coaster Eucharistic Prayer. ride. Before you get on the roller coaster, there is a pre-ride experience designed to get you pumped When our minds are lifted up and we are up and ready for the thrilling ride ahead.

In the same way, in a church setting, before we move into a special part of the service called the Eucharistic Prayer, there is something called the saints, singing with them. "Preface." Its purpose is to make sure that we are mentally and spiritually prepared to experience the most important and mysterious part of the service.

Think of it as a mini pep rally. The leader, like a like entering another dimension of worship. cheerleader, shouts, "The Lord be with you!" And the congregation responds enthusiastically, "And with your spirit!" This exchange is like cheering at a sports game.

Then there is more interaction. The leader says, "Lift up your hearts!" And the congregation responds, "We lift them up to the Lord!" This exchange is meant to energize us and get us in the right frame of mind.

Next, the leader says, "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!" And the congregation responds, "This is right and just!" It is as if we are all saying, "Yes, it is absolutely right and just to thank God!"

The leader then goes on to explain why it is so important to thank God, and there are many different reasons, such as the changing seasons, special events, or important truths about God. Each reason is like a different theme for our thanksgiving.

There are eighty-four of these themes, or "prefaces," in all. They remind us of all the incredible things God has done for us that we might forget in our daily lives.

These themes help us shift our focus from the ordinary to the extraordinary and prepare us Imagine you are getting ready to embark on an for the most important part of the service, the

> filled with wonder at God's goodness, it is as if we are joining a heavenly choir. We sing, "Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts," and it feels like we are surrounded by angels and

> The preface, in a way, takes us out of our normal world and allows us to connect with something much greater - the heavenly choir of angels and saints celebrating in glory. It is

> Here are some questions for you to reflect on and discuss:

- Have you ever noticed how your mood changes when you get to the preface in a worship service? Does it make you more excited or filled with wonder at what God is doing?
- As you respond back and forth with the leader during the preface, does it feel a little like a pep rally? What aspects are similar and what's different?
- When you sing the Sanctus ("Holy, holy, holy"), do you ever feel like you are part of a larger group, like the angels and saints? Does it elevate your worship experience?
- Do you think that learning more about the preface could help you feel more connected to the spiritual aspects of worship? What insights have you gained from this explanation that might enhance your worship experience?

Your Friend and Pastor, Fr. Linh Nguyen



CARTA PASTORAL DE FEBRERO

Queridos Amigos en Cristo,

Imagínate que te estás preparando para una aventura emocionante, como en un paseo en la montaña rusa. Pero antes de subirte, tienes que prepararte con una experiencia diseñada para motivarte y prepararte para el increíble paseo que te espera.

Así también, en la iglesia, antes de entrar a la parte especial de la misa, llamada "Plegaria Eucarística", tenemos el "Prefacio". Su objetivo es asegurarse de que estemos mental y espiritualmente preparados para vivir la parte más importante y misteriosa de la misa.

Compárala con una porra deportista. El líder, como un porrista, exclama: "¡El Señor esté con ustedes!" Y la congregación responde con entusiasmo: "¡Y con tu espíritu!" Este intercambio es como motivar a tu equipo en un partido deportivo.

Pero hay más. El líder dice: "¡Levantemos el corazón!" Y la congregación responde: "¡Lo tenemos levantado hacia el Señor!" Este intercambio es para darnos energía y ponernos en el estado de ánimo adecuado.

Después, el líder dice: "Demos gracias al Señor, nuestro Dios". Y la congregación responde: "Es justo y necesario". Es como si todos dijéramos: "Sí, es completamente justo y necesario dar gracias a Dios".

El líder luego explica el por qué es tan importante dar gracias a Dios, y hay muchas razones diferentes, como el cambio de las estaciones de año, eventos especiales o verdades importantes sobre Dios. Cada razón es un tema diferente para dar gracias.

Existen ochenta y cuatro temas, o "prefacios" en total. Estos nos recuerdan de todas las cosas increíbles que Dios ha hecho por nosotros,

de los cuales nos olvidarnos en nuestras vidas diarias. Estos temas nos ayudan a elevarnos de lo ordinario a lo extraordinario y nos preparan para la parte más importante de la misa, la Plegaria Eucarística.

Cuando nuestras mentes se elevan y nos encontramos maravillados ante la bondad de Dios, es como si nos uniéramos a un coro celestial, y cantamos: "Santo, Santo, Santo es el Señor, Dios del universo", y sentimos como si estuviéramos rodeados de ángeles y santos, cantando con ellos.

El prefacio, nos saca de nuestro mundo normal y nos permite conectarnos con algo mucho más grande: el coro celestial de ángeles y santos que celebran en la gloria. Es como entrar en otra dimensión de la adoración.

Ahora, un poco de reflexión y discusión:

- ¿Has notado alguna vez cómo cambia tu estado de ánimo cuando llegas al prefacio en un servicio de adoración? ¿Te sientes más emocionado o maravillado por lo que Dios está haciendo?
- Cuando respondes al líder durante el prefacio, ¿te sientes un poco como si estas participando en una porra motivadora? ¿Qué aspectos son similares y cuáles son diferentes?
- Cuando cantas el Sanctus ("Santo, santo, santo"), ¿alguna vez sientes que formas parte de un grupo más grande, como los ángeles y los santos? ¿Sientes que esto enriquece tu experiencia de adoración?
- ¿Crees que aprender más sobre el prefacio podría ayudarte a sentirte más conectado con los aspectos espirituales del culto? ¿Qué ideas has obtenido de esta explicación que podrían mejorar tu experiencia de adoración?

Su Amigo y Pastor, P. Linh Nguyen







BAPTISMS

TODAY!

Lincoln Henry Emma Kim Story Gabriela Grace Bitar Arthur Shuff Huebinger Leonel Andre Herrera

CLERGY BIRTHDAYS

Father Linh - Feb. 12 Deacon Ed - Feb. 3rd

NEW PARISHIONERS

Elizabeth Collins

Ian Spence

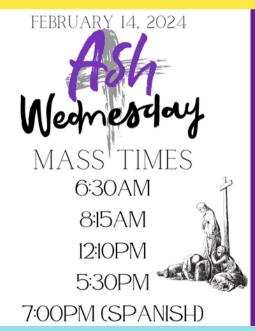
Jose & Della Rivera&Family **Adrian Adame** David&Bailey LeVasseur **Robin Robinson** Chris&Kelly Young&Family **Jon Burger Juan Moreno Ramirez** Rebecca Byre Rahan&Savini Britto&Family David&Annie Maldonado Michael&Megan McClosky&Family Kennard&Laurie Piggee&Family Alfredo&Elisa Zapata **Kyle&Heather Nelams** Rachel&Michael Nieto&Family Adrien Villarreal&Family Douglas Miller&Vita Provenzano&Family Randall&Jessica Burton&Family **Raul Basarte** Regina Vazquez

PARISH LIFE

JOIN THE GATHERING!

The Gathering is back in action! It is a safe and stimulating day of fun for people with special needs (Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Stroke, Dementia, etc.). Our theme-based "party" is held once a month, while family and caregivers are given time off to rest or run errands after dropping off their guests. Parish volunteers are on hand to assist our guests with various activities. To register please contact Patrick Bonorden at pebonorden@yahoo.com or 713.997.9630

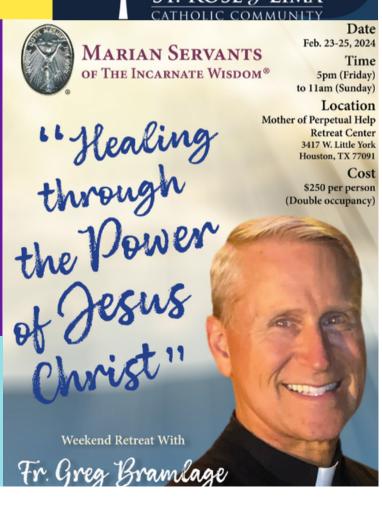




The Marian Servants of the Incarnate Wisdom[®] invite you to "Save the Date" for our annual weekend retreat, to be held February 23–25, 2024 at Mother of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Houston. Our retreat theme is "Healing through the Power of Jesus Christ". Registration and more information will be available in January 2024.

Questions or Comments?

Email: info@marianservantshouston.org



PARISH LIFE

Faith Night Recap 1/26/2024

"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." - Matthew 19:14

















Thanks to all who joined us for our very first Faith Night! Stay tuned for more to come!

The Immutable Nature of the Mass



"Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages."

We hear these words at the Easter Vigil Liturgy as the celebrant blesses the Paschal (Easter) Candle. This blessing is part of the *Lucernarium*: the celebration of light in which an open fire is lit outside the church, blessed by the priest, and the people process into a dark church while chanting "*Lumen Christi*" ("The Light of Christ"). Though its meaning may seem self-explanatory, these words - "Christ yesterday and today... - lay the framework for the whole liturgical experience.

When the Second Vatican Council reached its conclusion in December of 1965, the church's deliberations resulted in 16 documents. The first of these documents was the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Sacrosanctum Concilium. The Council led with the sacred liturgy because, as the Rule of St. Benedict states, "Nothing is to be preferred to the liturgy." Beginning with the liturgy tells us "God first." When the focus on God is not decisive, everything else loses its orientation. When I taught my fourth grade CCE class about the First Commandment, "Thou shalt not have any god before Me," I used this example: Money is great! It helps us get things we need, helps us provide for our family and take care of others. Cars are great! They help us get to places quickly and its fun to drive around. Video games are also great! Sometimes they help us relax and can make us happy. All these things become "bad" when we are not oriented toward God - when we lose our focus and replace God with something else. By way of ordering priorities, our focus should solely be on God. When our focus shifts from God to some "other", our life becomes unordered and unnatural. The same is true when we replace God with ourselves, or when we replace God's ways with our own ways.

Comments I hear frequently are that the Mass is "boring", "it doesn't do anything for me", or "I don't like the music." The basis for these questions derives from a misinterpretation of the Eucharistic Sacrifice and the spirit of the liturgy itself. To put it plainly, the Mass is not about us. Pope Benedict XVI says that, "The liturgy derives its greatness from what it is, not from what we do with it.... Liturgy is not an expression of the community's consciousness, which in any case is diffuse and changing. It is revelation received in faith and prayer." The Mass is not a time for self-expression, nor is it an oppurtunity for anyone to freely insert there opinion into it. The sacred liturgy must be a reflection of the glory of God—in which we are called to share above all through the self-offering of Christ at the altar, when we are immersed in the Paschal Mystery of his passion, death and resurrection. This sacramental communion is not just something we (the community assembled at a particular place and time) do but the gift of a greater reality Christ entrusted to the entire Church. The Mass is universal. Our attitudes, the rites, and the music should reflect its universal nature.

PARISH LIFE

This is why the words of the Lucernarium are so important. "Christ yesterday and today.." literally means that God never changes. His ways are not our ways. In the Old Testament, the phrase "yesterday and today" denotes continuity. While our world is in flux, the liturgy, which unites us in glory with heaven, is constant. Through our active participation in the Mass, we are united in worship through the centuries with those who have gone before us and with those in heaven. "All time belongs to him", and thus the liturgy is the means by which earthly time is inserted into the time of Jesus Christ and into its present. It is the turning point in the process of redemption. The Shepherd takes the lost sheep onto his shoulders and carries it home.

This continuity should strengthen our faith. The question - "What can the Mass do for me?" - becomes irrelevant. Our wants and desires become immaterial. The Church's public worship is an expression of and witness to her infallible faith, and it should help us to understand in a profound way (that is more than verbal) that all our aspirations for goodness, for truth, for beauty and for love are grounded and find their fulfillment in the all-surpassing reality of God, a reality that is immutable. As we enter into the Lenten season in a few short weeks, I encourage you to reflect upon this reality, and the reality of the Mass. In doing so, may we have the spirit of St. Thomas Aquinas: "Grant, o merciful God, that I may ardently desire, prudently examine, truthfully acknowledge, and perfectly accomplish what is pleasing to Thee for the praise and glory of Thy name. Amen."

Joseph Reina, Director of Liturgy

HEALING MASS

"COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND BURDENED..."

February 7, 2024

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH - 8:15AM
PRIMER MIÉRCOLES DEL MES - 7:00PM

For the Week of February 4, 2024 S R **Sunday - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** C Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39 e Monday - Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr r 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56 a Tuesday - Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs 9 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11; Mk 7:1-13 d Wednesday - 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23 D 9 Thursday - Memorial of Saint Jerome Emiliani, Priest, and Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin 1 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40; Mk 7:24-30 m Friday - 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 7:31-37 H Saturday - Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin g 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22; Mk 8:1-10 r Sunday - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time S e Lv 13:1-2; 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45